

**CHAPTER NO. 638**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3046**

**By Jackson**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2369**

**By Tidwell**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, relative to authorizing members of the general assembly who elect to receive early retirement benefits from Social Security to be reimbursed for legislative office expense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(f), is amended by designating the subsection as subdivision (1), by deleting the words "Each member" and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivision (2), each member".


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(f), is further amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(2) In lieu of being paid the monthly expense in the manner provided in subdivision (1), a member who is receiving early retirement benefits from Social Security may decline, in whole or in part, any such authorized expense and may apply to the appropriate speaker for reimbursement of actual monthly documented expenses otherwise authorized in this subsection; provided, that in no event shall the reimbursement requested exceed the maximum amount of expenditure authorized under this subsection. If such member elects to be reimbursed as provided in this subdivision, the records of the Department of Finance and Administration shall reflect that such payments are a reimbursement for expenses incurred.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 22, 2004**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR